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**Re: Comments on Lower Duwamish Waterway Site
Administrative Order on Consent**

Dear Messrs. Findley and Fitzsimmons:

As you know, King County, the City of Seattle, the Port of Seattle, and The Boeing Company have been working together to address environmental contamination in the Lower Duwamish Waterway. Last year, we formed the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, and have been working closely with EPA and Ecology on the Administrative Order on Consent for the Waterway. We are writing to urge EPA and Ecology to sign the AOC in its current form so that the LDWG may begin work under the AOC.

The AOC is the result of many months of hard work by representatives of EPA, Ecology, the County, the City, the Port and Boeing. EPA and Ecology identified the requirements of the AOC, and prepared it for the LDWG members to sign. LDWG members prepared and submitted many drafts of the AOC's Statement of Work, met regularly with representatives of EPA and Ecology, accepted the revisions that EPA and Ecology required, and incorporated comments of the Natural Resource Trustees.

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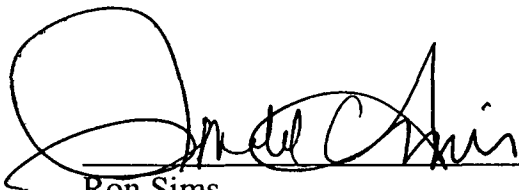


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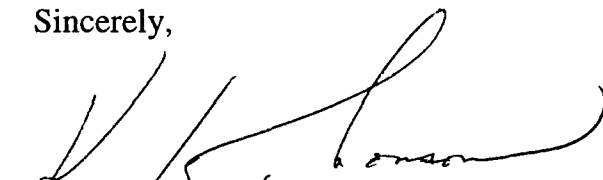
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On April 19, 2000, all of the LDWG members signed the AOC. Along with EPA and Ecology, we announced to the public the benefits of the AOC, and pledged to move forward. As a result, we had planned to begin work under the AOC in early summer, 2000. Unfortunately, we have not been able to do so because EPA and Ecology have not yet signed the AOC. We urge you to sign the AOC in its current form as soon as possible so that we may resume our efforts to work together to improve environmental conditions in the waterway.

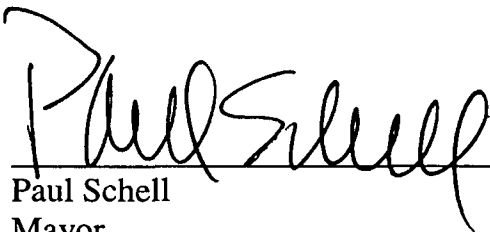
Sincerely,



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King County Executive



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